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SUBJ: BAGHDAD NOB

REF: (A) STATE 161081 (NOTAL), (B) BAGHDAD 0793 (NOTAL)

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF ROOM WHERE USINT BAGHDAD PROPOSES
TO HOUSE HW-28 IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. ACTUAL ROOM IS LOCATED IN THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE CHANCERY
BUILDING ON THE SECOND FLOOR DIRECTLY BELOW (AND OF THE SAME
SIZE AND SHAPRE) ROOM LABELED RM-4 IN DRAWING NUMBER TWO WHICH
ACCOMPANIED KARACHI AIRGRAM A-26.

B. THE ROOM IS HALF OF A ROOM BATH COMBINATION AND IS PART OF
THE EXECUTIVE CONTROLLED AREA OF THE BUILDING WITH ACCESS ONLY
THROUGH THE PRINCIPAL OFFICER'S OFFICE (DOOR CORRESPONDING TO
THAT LABELED D-5 GOING INTO THE PRINCIPAL OFFICER'S OFFICE AND THAT
LABELED D-3 HAVING BEEN SEALED WITH A DOUBLE THICKNESS OF BRICK).

C. THE ROOM ORIGINALLY HAD A SINGLE GRILLED WINDOW FACING SOUTH
BUT THIS HAS BEEN CLOSED BY A LAYER OF BRICK AND PLASTER ON
THE INSIDE (GRILLING AND GLASS WERE LEFT ON OUTSIDE FOR APPEAR-
ANCE SAKE).

D. CONSTRUCTION OF ROOM IS POURED CEMENT FLOORING AND CEILING
WITH WALLS OF DOUBLE THICKNESS OF BRICK PLASTERED INSIDE AND OUT
WITH APPROXIMATE 2 INCH HOLLOW SPACE IN CENTER OF WALL FOR
INSULATION PURPOSES.

E. FOLLOWING GUIDANCE PROVIDED BY TEHRAN TSO AT TIME OF SURVEY,
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WALL AND CEILING PLASTER WAS RECENTLY REMOVED DOWN TO BRICK,

ALL ELECTRICAL WIRING WAS PULLED OUT, DOOR FRAMES WERE REMOVED AND FLOOR TILES WERE PULLED UP IN THE ROOM AND SMALL HALLWAY

TOWARDS BATH. UNDER DIRECT SUPERVISION OF PSO, NEW FLOOR WAS POURED, DOOR FRAMES REMOUNTED AND REPLASTERING DONE. WE EXPECT PLASTER AND FLOOR TO BE SUFFICIENTLY DRY THIS WEEKEND FOR WIRING (ALL EXPOSED) TO BE DONE AND ROOM TO BE PAINTED.

F. ACCESS DOOR TO ROOM IS PRESENTLY OF HOLLOW PLYWOOD CONSTRUCTION EQUIPPED WITH SIGHT GLASS AND S&G DEADBOLTS ON BOTH SIDES.

2. PRESENTLY, ONLY CONSTRUCTION FACILITY AVAILABLE AT POST IS DESK TOP SHREDDER UNIT LOCATED IN EXECUTIVE AREA.

3. IN LIGHT OF FORMER OCCIPANTS OF BUILDING, POST AGREES THAT USINT NEEDS TO OBTAIN APPROVED TYPEWRITERS FOR EXECTIVE AREA (THREE REQUIRED) BUT UNTIL INFORMATION RECEIVED ON TRANSITIONAL QUATER BUDGET, WE ARE UNABLE TO DETERMINE IF THERE WILL BE FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PURCHASE.

4. USINT TELEX IS NOT BACK IN SERVICE AND LINES TO WASHINGTON ARE READILY AVAILABLE. WE ARE SERIOUSLY HANDICAPPED, HOWEVER, BY INADEQUATE CODING AND DECODING CAPABILITY, AND WE RECOMMEND THAT (IF ROOM NOT ACCEPTABLE AS DESCRIBED ABOVE) TEMPORARY SHIELDING BE INSTALLED AS NEEDED TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR HW-28 OPERATIONS UNTIL THIRD FLOOR CCC CAN BE COMPLETED.

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